

Culberson  
 Davis (KY)  
 Davis, David  
 Davis, Tom  
 Deal (GA)  
 Dent  
 Diaz-Balart, L.  
 Diaz-Balart, M.  
 Doolittle  
 Drake  
 Dreier  
 Duncan  
 Ehlers  
 Emerson  
 English (PA)  
 Everett  
 Fallon  
 Feeney  
 Ferguson  
 Flake  
 Fortenberry  
 Fossella  
 Foxx  
 Franks (AZ)  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Gallegly  
 Garrett (NJ)  
 Gilchrest  
 Gingrey  
 Gohmert  
 Goode  
 Goodlatte  
 Granger  
 Graves  
 Hall (TX)  
 Hastert  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hayes  
 Heller  
 Hensarling  
 Herger  
 Hobson  
 Hoekstra  
 Hulshof  
 Hunter  
 Inglis (SC)  
 Issa  
 Johnson (IL)  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jones (NC)  
 Jordan

NOT VOTING—14

Barrett (SC)  
 Carson  
 Cubin  
 Davis, Jo Ann  
 Delahunt

Dingell  
 Gerlach  
 Jindal  
 Lee  
 Perlmutter

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1157

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 941, 940 and 939, had I been present, I would have voted on rollcall 939, “yea,” rollcall 940, “yea,” and rollcall 941, “nay.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 227, nays 188, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 942]  
 YEAS—227

Abercrombie  
 Ackerman  
 Alexander  
 Allen  
 Altmire  
 Andrews  
 Arcuri  
 Baca  
 Baird  
 Baker  
 Baldwin  
 Barrow  
 Bean  
 Becerra  
 Berkley  
 Berman  
 Berry  
 Bishop (GA)  
 Bishop (NY)  
 Blumenauer  
 Boren  
 Boswell  
 Boucher  
 Boustany  
 Boyd (FL)  
 Boyd (KS)  
 Brady (PA)  
 Braley (IA)  
 Brown, Corrine  
 Butterfield  
 Capps  
 Capuano  
 Cardoza  
 Carnahan  
 Carney  
 Castor  
 Chandler  
 Clarke  
 Clay  
 Cleaver  
 Clyburn  
 Cohen  
 Conyers  
 Cooper  
 Costa  
 Costello  
 Courtney  
 Cramer  
 Crowley  
 Cummings  
 Davis (AL)  
 Davis (CA)  
 Davis (IL)  
 Davis, Lincoln  
 DeFazio  
 DeGette  
 DeLauro  
 Dicks  
 Doggett  
 Donnelly  
 Doyle  
 Edwards  
 Ellison  
 Ellsworth  
 Emanuel  
 Engel  
 Eshoo  
 Etheridge  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Filner  
 Frank (MA)  
 Giffords  
 Gillibrand  
 Gonzalez  
 Green, Al  
 Green, Gene

Radanovich  
 Ramstad  
 Regula  
 Rehberg  
 Reichert  
 Renzi  
 Reynolds  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rogers (MI)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Roskam  
 Royce  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Sali  
 Saxton  
 Schmidt  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Shays  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)  
 Souder  
 Stearns  
 Tancredo  
 Terry  
 Thornberry  
 Tiahrt  
 Tiberi  
 Turner  
 Upton  
 Walberg  
 Walden (OR)  
 Walsh (NY)  
 Wamp  
 Weldon (FL)  
 Weller  
 Westmoreland  
 Whitfield  
 Wicker  
 Wilson (NM)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wolf  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

NAYS—188

Aderholt  
 Akin  
 Bachmann  
 Bachus  
 Bartlett (MD)  
 Barton (TX)  
 Biggert  
 Bilbray  
 Bilirakis  
 Bishop (UT)  
 Blackburn  
 Blunt  
 Boehner  
 Bonner  
 Bono  
 Boozman  
 Brady (TX)

English (PA)  
 Everett  
 Fallon  
 Feeney  
 Flake  
 Forbes  
 Fortenberry  
 Fossella  
 Foxx  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Gallegly  
 Garrett (NJ)  
 Gerlach  
 Gilchrest  
 Gohmert  
 Goode  
 Goodlatte  
 Gordon  
 Granger  
 Graves  
 Hall (TX)  
 Hastert  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hayes  
 Heller  
 Hensarling  
 Herger  
 Hobson  
 Hoekstra  
 Hulshof  
 Hunter  
 Inglis (SC)  
 Issa  
 Johnson (IL)  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jones (NC)  
 Jordan  
 Keller  
 King (IA)  
 King (NY)  
 Kingston  
 Kirk  
 Kline (MN)  
 Knollenberg  
 Kuhl (NY)  
 LaHood

Lamborn  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Lewis (CA)  
 Lewis (KY)  
 Linder  
 LoBiondo  
 Lucas  
 Lungren, Daniel  
 Mack  
 Manzullo  
 Marchant  
 McCarthy (CA)  
 McCaul (TX)  
 McCotter  
 McHenry  
 McHugh  
 McKeon  
 McMorris  
 Rodgers  
 Mica  
 Miller (FL)  
 Miller (MI)  
 Miller, Gary  
 Moran (KS)  
 Murphy, Tim  
 Musgrave  
 Myrick  
 Neugebauer  
 Nunes  
 Paul  
 Pearce  
 Pence  
 Peterson (PA)  
 Petri  
 Pitts  
 Platts  
 Poe  
 Porter  
 Price (GA)  
 Putnam  
 Radanovich  
 Ramstad  
 Regula  
 Rehberg  
 Reichert

NOT VOTING—17

Barrett (SC)  
 Broun (GA)  
 Carson  
 Cubin  
 Cuellar  
 Davis, Jo Ann  
 Delahunt  
 Dingell  
 Ferguson  
 Franks (AZ)  
 Jindal  
 Lee

Renzi  
 Reynolds  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rogers (MI)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Roskam  
 Royce  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Sali  
 Saxton  
 Schmidt  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Shays  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)  
 Souder  
 Stearns  
 Tancredo  
 Terry  
 Thornberry  
 Tiahrt  
 Tiberi  
 Turner  
 Upton  
 Walberg  
 Walden (OR)  
 Walsh (NY)  
 Wamp  
 Weldon (FL)  
 Weller  
 Westmoreland  
 Whitfield  
 Wicker  
 Wilson (NM)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wolf  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1204

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 942 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3648, MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 703, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 223, nays 194, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 943]

YEAS—223

Ackerman	Hall (NY)	Oberstar
Allen	Hare	Obey
Altmore	Harman	Olver
Andrews	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Arcuri	Herseht Sandlin	Pallone
Baca	Higgins	Pascrell
Baird	Hill	Pastor
Baldwin	Hinchev	Payne
Bean	Hinojosa	Peterson (MN)
Becerra	Hirono	Pomeroy
Berkley	Hodes	Price (NC)
Berman	Holden	Rahall
Berry	Holt	Rangel
Bishop (GA)	Honda	Reyes
Bishop (NY)	Hooley	Richardson
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Rodriguez
Boren	Inslee	Ross
Boswell	Israel	Rothman
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Royal-Allard
Boyd (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Ruppersberger
Boyd (KS)	(TX)	Rush
Brady (PA)	Jefferson	Ryan (OH)
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Salazar
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Sánchez, Linda
Butterfield	Jones (OH)	T.
Capps	Kagen	Sanchez, Loretta
Capuano	Kanjorski	Sarbanes
Cardoza	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carnahan	Kennedy	Schiff
Carney	Kildee	Schwartz
Castor	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Chandler	Kind	Scott (VA)
Clarke	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Clay	Kucinich	Sestak
Cleaver	Lampson	Shea-Porter
Clyburn	Langevin	Sherman
Cohen	Lantos	Shuler
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Sires
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Skelton
Costa	Levin	Slaughter
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Smith (WA)
Courtney	Lipinski	Snyder
Cramer	Loeb sack	Solis
Crowley	Lofgren, Zoe	Space
Cuellar	Lowe y	Spratt
Cummings	Lynch	Stark
Davis (AL)	Mahoney (FL)	Stupak
Davis (CA)	Maloney (NY)	Sutton
Davis (IL)	Markey	Tanner
Davis, Lincoln	Marshall	Tauscher
DeFazio	Matheson	Taylor
DeGette	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	McCollum (MN)	Tierney
Doggett	McDermott	Towns
Donnelly	McGovern	Udall (CO)
Doyle	McIntyre	Udall (NM)
Edwards	McNerney	Van Hollen
Ellison	McNulty	Velázquez
Ellsworth	Meek (FL)	Walz (MN)
Emanuel	Mee ks (NY)	Wasserman
Engel	Melancon	Schultz
Eshoo	Michaud	Waters
Etheridge	Miller (NC)	Watson
Farr	Miller, George	Watt
Fattah	Mitchell	Waxman
Filner	Mollohan	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Moore (KS)	Welch (VT)
Giffords	Moore (WI)	Wexler
Gillibrand	Moran (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Gonzalez	Murphy (CT)	Woolsey
Gordon	Murphy, Patrick	Wu
Green, Al	Murtha	Wynn
Green, Gene	Nadler	Yarmuth
Grijalva	Napolitano	
Gutierrez	Neal (MA)	

NAYS—194

Aderholt	Blunt	Buyer
Akin	Boehner	Calvert
Alexander	Bonner	Camp (MI)
Bachmann	Bono	Campbell (CA)
Bachus	Boozman	Cannon
Baker	Boustany	Cantor
Barrow	Brady (TX)	Capito
Bartlett (MD)	Broun (GA)	Carter
Barton (TX)	Brown (SC)	Castle
Biggert	Brown-Waite,	Chabot
Bilbray	Ginny	Coble
Bilirakis	Buchanan	Cole (OK)
Bishop (UT)	Burgess	Conaway
Blackburn	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw

Culberson	Jordan	Radanovich
Davis (KY)	Keller	Ramstad
Davis, David	King (IA)	Regula
Davis, Tom	King (NY)	Rehberg
Deal (GA)	Kingston	Reichert
Dent	Kirk	Renzi
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kline (MN)	Reynolds
Diaz-Balart, M.	Knollenberg	Rogers (AL)
Doolittle	Kuhl (NY)	Rogers (KY)
Drake	LaHood	Rogers (MI)
Dreier	Lamborn	Rohrabacher
Duncan	Latham	Ros-Lehtinen
Ehlers	LaTourette	Roskam
Emerson	Lewis (CA)	Royce
English (PA)	Lewis (KY)	Ryan (WI)
Everett	Linder	Sali
Fallin	LoBiondo	Saxton
Feeney	Lucas	Schmidt
Ferguson	Lungren, Daniel	Sensenbrenner
Flake	E.	Sessions
Forbes	Mack	Shadegg
Fortenberry	Manzullo	Shays
Fossella	Marchant	Shimkus
Fox	McCarthy (CA)	Shuster
Franks (AZ)	McCaul (TX)	Simpson
Frelinghuysen	McCotter	Smith (NE)
Galleghy	McCrary	Smith (NJ)
Garrett (NJ)	McHenry	Smith (TX)
Fox	McHugh	Souder
Franks (AZ)	McKeon	Stearns
Frelinghuysen	McMorris	Tancredo
McCotter	Rodgers	Terry
McCrary	Mica	Thornberry
McHenry	Miller (FL)	Tiahrt
McHugh	Miller (MI)	Tiberi
McKeon	Miller, Gary	Turner
McMorris	Moran (KS)	Upton
Rodgers	Musgrave	Walberg
Mica	Myrick	Walden (OR)
Miller (FL)	Neugebauer	Walsh (NY)
Miller (MI)	Nunes	Wamp
Miller, Gary	Paul	Weldon (FL)
Moran (KS)	Pearce	Weller
Musgrave	Pence	Westmoreland
Myrick	Peterson (PA)	Whitfield
Neugebauer	Petri	Wicker
Nunes	Pitts	Wilson (NM)
Paul	Platts	Wilson (SC)
Pearce	Inglis (SC)	Wolf
Pence	Issa	Young (AK)
Peterson (PA)	Johnson (IL)	Young (FL)
Petri	Johnson, Sam	
Pitts	Jones (NC)	
Platts		
Poe		
Porter		
Price (GA)		
Putnam		

NOT VOTING—15

Abercrombie	Delahunt	Perlmutter
Barrett (SC)	Dingell	Pickering
Carson	Jindal	Pryce (OH)
Cubin	Lee	Sullivan
Davis, Jo Ann	Murphy, Tim	Visclosky

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1211

So the previous question was ordered.  
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.  
 The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.  
 Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.  
 The yeas and nays were ordered.  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 193, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 944]

YEAS—222

Abercrombie	Baird	Berry
Ackerman	Baldwin	Bilbray
Allen	Barrow	Bishop (GA)
Altmore	Bean	Bishop (NY)
Andrews	Becerra	Blumenauer
Arcuri	Berkley	Boren
Baca	Berman	Boucher

Boyd (FL)	Holt	Pastor
Boyd (KS)	Honda	Payne
Brady (PA)	Hooley	Peterson (MN)
Braley (IA)	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Brown, Corrine	Inslee	Price (NC)
Butterfield	Israel	Rahall
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Capuano	Jackson-Lee	Reyes
Cardoza	(TX)	Richardson
Carnahan	Jefferson	Rodriguez
Carney	Johnson (GA)	Ross
Castor	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman
Chandler	Jones (OH)	Royal-Allard
Clarke	Kagen	Ruppersberger
Clay	Kanjorski	Rush
Clyburn	Kaptur	Ryan (OH)
Cohen	Kennedy	Salazar
Conyers	Kildee	Sánchez, Linda
Cooper	Kilpatrick	T.
Costa	Kind	Sanchez, Loretta
Costello	Klein (FL)	Sarbanes
Courtney	Kucinich	Schakowsky
Cramer	Lampson	Schiff
Crowley	Langevin	Schwartz
Cuellar	Lantos	Scott (GA)
Cummings	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Davis (AL)	Levin	Serrano
Davis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Sestak
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Shea-Porter
Davis, Lincoln	Loeb sack	Sherman
DeFazio	Lofgren, Zoe	Shuler
DeGette	Lowe y	Sires
DeLauro	Lynch	Skelton
Dicks	Mahoney (FL)	Slaughter
Doggett	Maloney (NY)	Smith (WA)
Donnelly	Markey	Snyder
Doyle	Marshall	Solis
Edwards	Matheson	Space
Ellison	Matsui	Spratt
Ellsworth	McCarthy (NY)	Stark
Emanuel	McCollum (MN)	Stupak
Engel	McDermott	Sutton
Eshoo	McGovern	Tanner
Etheridge	McIntyre	Tauscher
Farr	McNerney	Taylor
Fattah	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Filner	Meek (FL)	Thompson (MS)
Frank (MA)	Mee ks (NY)	Tierney
Giffords	Michaud	Towns
Gillibrand	Miller (NC)	Udall (CO)
Gonzalez	Miller, George	Udall (NM)
Gordon	Mitchell	Van Hollen
Green, Al	Mollohan	Velázquez
Green, Gene	Moore (KS)	Walz (MN)
Grijalva	Moore (WI)	Wasserman
Gutierrez	Moran (VA)	Schultz
	Murphy (CT)	Waters
	Murphy, Patrick	Watson
	Murtha	Watt
	Nadler	Waxman
	Napolitano	Weiner
	Neal (MA)	Welch (VT)
		Wexler
		Wilson (OH)
		Woolsey
		Wu
		Wynn
		Yarmuth

NAYS—193

Aderholt	Campbell (CA)	Ferguson
Akin	Cannon	Flake
Alexander	Cantor	Forbes
Bachmann	Capito	Fortenberry
Bachus	Carter	Fossella
Baker	Castle	Fox
Bartlett (MD)	Chabot	Franks (AZ)
Barton (TX)	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Biggert	Cole (OK)	Galleghy
Bilirakis	Conaway	Garrett (NJ)
Bishop (UT)	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Blackburn	Culberson	Gilchrest
Blunt	Davis (KY)	Gingrey
Boehner	Davis, David	Gohmert
Bonner	Davis, Tom	Goode
Bono	Deal (GA)	Goodlatte
Boozman	Dent	Granger
Boustany	Diaz-Balart, L.	Graves
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hall (TX)
Broun (GA)	Doolittle	Hastert
Brown (SC)	Drake	Hastings (WA)
Brown-Waite,	Dreier	Hayes
Ginny	Duncan	Heller
Buchanan	Ehlers	Hensarling
Burgess	Emerson	Herger
Burton (IN)	English (PA)	Hobson
Buyer	Everett	Hoekstra
Calvert	Fallin	Hulshof
Camp (MI)	Feeney	Hunter

Inglis (SC)	Mica	Saxton
Issa	Miller (FL)	Schmidt
Johnson (IL)	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Johnson, Sam	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Jones (NC)	Moran (KS)	Shadegg
Jordan	Murphy, Tim	Shays
Keller	Musgrave	Shimkus
King (IA)	Myrick	Shuster
King (NY)	Neugebauer	Simpson
Kingston	Nunes	Smith (NE)
Kirk	Paul	Smith (NJ)
Kline (MN)	Pearce	Smith (TX)
Knollenberg	Pence	Souder
Kuhl (NY)	Peterson (PA)	Stearns
LaHood	Petri	Tancredo
Lamborn	Pitts	Terry
Latham	Platts	Thornberry
LaTourette	Poe	Tiahrt
Lewis (CA)	Porter	Tiberi
Lewis (KY)	Price (GA)	Turner
Linder	Putnam	Upton
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Walberg
Lucas	Ramstad	Walden (OR)
Lungren, Daniel	Regula	Walsh (NY)
E.	Rehberg	Wamp
Mack	Reichert	Weldon (FL)
Manzullo	Renzi	Weller
Marchant	Reynolds	Westmoreland
McCarthy (CA)	Rogers (AL)	Whitfield
McCauley (TX)	Rogers (KY)	Wicker
McCotter	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (NM)
McCrary	Rohrabacher	Wilson (SC)
McHenry	Ros-Lehtinen	Wolf
McHugh	Roskam	Young (AK)
McKeon	Royce	Young (FL)
McMorris	Ryan (WI)	
Rodgers	Sali	

NOT VOTING—17

Barrett (SC)	Delahunt	Perlmutter
Boswell	Dingell	Pickering
Carson	Jindal	Pryce (OH)
Cleaver	Larson (CT)	Sullivan
Cubin	Lee	Viscosky
Davis, Jo Ann	Melancon	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

1218

So the resolution was agreed to.  
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.  
 A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3246.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 704, I call up the bill (H.R. 3246) to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
 The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3246

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—  
 (1) certain regions of the Nation, including Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta Region, the Northern Great Plains Region, the Southeast Crescent Region, the Southwest Border Region, the Northern Border Region, and rural Alaska, have suffered from chronic distress far above the national average;  
 (2) an economically distressed region can suffer unemployment and poverty at a rate that is 150 percent of the national average; and  
 (3) regional commissions are unique Federal-State partnerships that can provide targeted resources to alleviate pervasive economic distress.  
 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—  
 (1) to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation; and  
 (2) to ensure that the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation have the necessary tools to develop the basic building blocks for economic development, such as transportation and basic public infrastructure, job skills training, and business development.

SEC. 3. REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title 40, United States Code, is amended—  
 (1) by redesignating subtitle V as subtitle VI; and  
 (2) by inserting after subtitle IV the following:

“Subtitle V—Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development

“Chapter	Sec.
“151. GENERAL PROVISIONS .....	15101
“153. REGIONAL COMMISSIONS .....	15301
“155. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE .....	15501
“157. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS .....	15701

“CHAPTER 151—GENERAL PROVISIONS  
 “Sec.

“15101. Definitions.  
 “§ 15101. Definitions  
 “In this subtitle, the following definitions apply:

“(1) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commission’ means a Commission established under section 15301.  
 “(2) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.—The term ‘local development district’ means an entity that—  
 “(A)(i) is an economic development district that is—  
 “(I) in existence on the date of enactment of this chapter; and  
 “(II) located in the region; or  
 “(ii) if an entity described in clause (i) does not exist—  
 “(I) is organized and operated in a manner that ensures broad-based community participation and an effective opportunity for local officials, community leaders, and the public to contribute to the development and implementation of programs in the region;  
 “(II) is governed by a policy board with at least a simple majority of members consisting of—  
 “(aa) elected officials; or  
 “(bb) designees or employees of a general purpose unit of local government that have

been appointed to represent the unit of local government; and  
 “(III) is certified by the Governor or appropriate State officer as having a charter or authority that includes the economic development of counties, portions of counties, or other political subdivisions within the region; and  
 “(B) has not, as certified by the Federal Cochairperson—  
 “(i) inappropriately used Federal grant funds from any Federal source; or  
 “(ii) appointed an officer who, during the period in which another entity inappropriately used Federal grant funds from any Federal source, was an officer of the other entity.  
 “(3) FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM.—The term ‘Federal grant program’ means a Federal grant program to provide assistance in carrying out economic and community development activities.  
 “(4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).  
 “(5) NONPROFIT ENTITY.—The term ‘nonprofit entity’ means any entity with tax-exempt or nonprofit status, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, that has been formed for the purpose of economic development.  
 “(6) REGION.—The term ‘region’ means the area covered by a Commission as described in subchapter II of chapter 157.  
 “CHAPTER 153—REGIONAL COMMISSIONS  
 “Sec.  
 “15301. Establishment, membership, and employees.  
 “15302. Decisions.  
 “15303. Functions.  
 “15304. Administrative powers and expenses.  
 “15305. Meetings.  
 “15306. Personal financial interests.  
 “15307. Tribal representation on Northern Great Plains Regional Commission.  
 “15308. Tribal participation.  
 “15309. Annual report.  
 “§ 15301. Establishment, membership, and employees  
 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established the following regional Commissions:  
 “(1) The Delta Regional Commission.  
 “(2) The Northern Great Plains Regional Commission.  
 “(3) The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.  
 “(4) The Southwest Border Regional Commission.  
 “(5) The Northern Border Regional Commission.  
 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—  
 “(1) FEDERAL AND STATE MEMBERS.—Each Commission shall be composed of the following members:  
 “(A) A Federal Cochairperson, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
 “(B) The Governor of each participating State in the region of the Commission.  
 “(2) ALTERNATE MEMBERS.—  
 “(A) ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—The President shall appoint an alternate Federal Cochairperson for each Commission. The alternate Federal Cochairperson, when not actively serving as an alternate for the Federal Cochairperson, shall perform such functions and duties as are delegated by the Federal Cochairperson.  
 “(B) STATE ALTERNATES.—The State member of a participating State may have a single alternate, who shall be appointed by the Governor of the State from among the members of the Governor’s cabinet or personal staff.